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Philadelphia
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St. Mark's is located on Locust Street in the heart of Philadelphia, between 16th and 17th Street. The church is a brown sandstone structure seating approximately 500 persons. During the past decade St. Mark's has been renovating its church properties under the title of "parish restoration program." The attractive well-kept buildings reflect the wisdom of this program. The church, freshened by paint and other restorative measures, is a cheerful and inviting place to enter. The replacement value of St. Mark's Church is estimated to be \$1,500,000.00. St. Mark's parish house is in excellent condition and the rectory, which is located next door, is also in good condition. These properties have an estimated replacement value of \$2,000,000.00 and are covered by insurance amounting to \$1,924,822.00.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

St. Mark's is in an inner-city neighborhood and nearby are the central business districts, apartment dwellings, rooming houses, single-home dwellings, a college, and a military establishment.

For the purposes of our Study some five census tracts were selected as the parish area served by St. Mark's. Within this parish area there were 23,554 persons in 1960 and by the time of our Study there were 947 members of the Episcopal Church living in this area, making up 4.0% of the total population. Out of this number there were 128 persons who belonged to St. Mark's Church, making up 13.5% of the total Episcopalians in the area and 28.5% of the parish membership.

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	CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS.	% PARISH MEMB.
PH-66	8-D	5,191	357	6.9	49	13.7	10.9
WP/sk	8-C	2,432	117	4.8	14	12.0	3.0
2	8-B	3,240	85	2.6	13	15.3	2.9
	7-C	9,860	321	3.3	50	15.6	11.2
	27-A	2,831	67	2.4	2	3.0	0.5
	TOTAL	23,554	947	4.0	128	13.5	28.5

There are few children in the area but a relatively high number of persons 65 years of age and over. The non-white population numbered 3,988 persons, or 17.0% of the total population living in these census tracts.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
8-D	NA	5,191	-	5.2	22.2	1.1
8-C	NA	2,432	-	2.9	0.2	0.9
8-B	NA	3,240	-	4.7	13.9	4.4
7-C	NA	9,860	-	13.9	12.8	32.9
27-A	3,989	2,831	-29.0	5.5	19.1	18.7
TOTAL		23,554				17.0

Several schools and churches serve this section of the city and these are listed in the attached Self-Study Form. It should be noted that in addition to St. Mark's four other Episcopal congregations are within the parish area.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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On the average Sunday some 360 persons attend church and church school. At the 11:00 o'clock service, which has the largest attendance, some 40% of the pew spaces are occupied. If the 11:00 o'clock service and the 9:00 o'clock service were combined approximately 82% of the pew spaces would be occupied. Daily Morning Prayer and a Celebration of the Holy Communion are conducted with attendance ranging from a low of two to a high of 32.

The church school has an enrollment of 72, including 61 students and 11 teachers and staff members. Church school classes range from kindergarten through the 10th grade. Teachers are trained on an informal basis during the course of the year. The recruiting of teachers is a major problem and might be partially overcome by teacher-training sessions. Adult education programs are limited to monthly instruction meetings and Lenten instructions. The area of adult education needs to be carefully thought out because it seems to be neglected, except for the instruction groups.

Organizations serving St. Mark's are: the Women of St. Mark's, St. Vincent's Guild for Acolyte's, the Altar Society, the Canterbury Choir, the Fellowship of Prayer, the Young People of St. Mark's, and the Vestry. A complete list of the organizational structure data is supplied with this report.

When an examination is made of the income of St. Mark's it is noted that the largest single source of income is the endowment income which at the time

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of our Study gave a return of \$58,257.00. The congregation pledged \$50,497.00 and plate offerings brought an additional \$3,087.00.

When future policy, program, and budget were considered it was felt that the major opportunity facing the congregation was an opportunity to reach out for people living in the central city. A concern to increase the sense of parish family with care to include newcomers and unattached people living within the area was expressed.

Major problems facing the congregation were the high turnover of members of the congregation, and enhancing the Christian education program among young people. This was especially sensitive because of the small number of young people residing in the central city community.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Date February 13, 1964.

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

I. IDENTIFICATION

Street Locust

Church St. Mark's

County Philadelphia

City Philadelphia

Parish or Mission Parish

Diocese Pennsylvania

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? Whole city of Philadelphia and many outlying areas from

which people come to participate because of the full

Catholic tradition in Parish's life and worship.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses X Industrial uses Apartment dwellings X

Rooming houses X Single-home dwellings X A college X Military

uses X Other institutions

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

A center city parish with very diversified surroundings -
everything but heavy industry.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

New apartments, renewal of small private dwellings,
movement from suburbs to this center city area.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

16th & Lombard Streets

23rd & Chestnut Streets

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

City Center Elementary

2020 Ranstead Street

LO 8-098

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

NONE

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

(Miss Cathy Morgan) - Play School
(Y.W.C.A.)

ADDRESS

2027 Chestnut Street LO 3-1590

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

St. Patrick's Parochial
Philadelphia Dance Academy
Friends' Select School

ADDRESS

242 South 20th Street

271 South Van Pelt St. LO 4-1385

17th & Parkway LO 3-9150

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

Friends' Select School
Philadelphia Dance Academy

ADDRESS

17th & Parkway LO 3-9150

271 South Van Pelt

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

Graduate Hospital School
(U. of Penna.)
Phila. Museum College of Art.
(U. of Penna.)
A.B.S. Adelphia Business School
Charles Morris Price School
of Advertising
American Prep School
Banks Business College
Brown Preparatory School
Columbia Institute Taylor School
Franklin School of Science &
Arts, Inc.

ADDRESS

19th & Lombard Sts. KI 6-4500

Broad & Pine Streets KI 6-0545

1211 Chestnut Street LO 3-9535

1319 Locust Street KI 5-0696

1212 Spruce Street PE 5-2080

1408 Spruce Street PE 5-4774

1903 Spruce Street KI 5-5228

1200 Walnut Street KI 6-1515

251 South 22nd Street LO 7-1617

2. SCHOOLS - CONTINUED

<u>Leviton School of Business Training</u>	<u>1516 Spruce Street</u>	KI 5-3120
<u>Lincoln College Preparatory School</u>	<u>203 South 20th St.</u>	LO 8-4855
<u>Peirce Business Training School</u>	<u>1420 Pine Street</u>	PE 5-2100
<u>Phila. School of Office Training (Inc.)</u>	<u>1722 Chestnut Street</u>	LO 8-1590
<u>Phila. Secretarial & Receptionist School</u>	<u>105 S. 18th St.</u>	LO 4-4636
<u>Phila. Suburban Business School</u>	<u>13th & Walnut Sts.</u>	WA 2-0221
<u>Pennsylvania Business School</u>	<u>1503 Walnut Street</u>	LO 7-5195
<u>Curtis Institute of Music</u>	<u>1726 Locust Street</u>	PE 5-2525
<u>Christensen School of Music</u>	<u>1629 Chestnut Street</u>	LO 3-9967
<u>Granoff School of Music</u>	<u>2118 Spruce Street</u>	LO 3-3940
<u>Combs College of Music</u>	<u>12th & Walnut Streets</u>	KI 6-1515
<u>Academy of Vocal Arts</u>	<u>1920 Spruce Street</u>	PE 5-1585
<u>Mihigh School of Vocal Arts</u>	<u>1629 Chestnut Street</u>	LO 3-9967
<u>New School of Music Inc.</u>	<u>1738 Pine Street</u>	PE 5-0992
<u>Philadelphia Institute of Music</u>	<u>1529 Pine Street</u>	PE 5-3561

Many voice & music studios in the area are not listed here.

Schools of Beauty Culture and Modeling were also omitted.

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
Beth Zion Temple (Jewish)	18th & Spruce Streets
First Hebrew Christian Congregation	1907 Chestnut Street
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul (R.C.)	1723 Race Street
St. Patrick's Church (R.Catholic)	242 S. 20th Street
Holy Trinity Church (Episcopal)	1904 Walnut Street
St. Clement's Church (Episcopal)	20th & Appletree Streets
St. Philip's Church (Episcopal)	1925 Lombard Street
Trinity Memorial Church (Episcopal)	2212 Spruce Street
First Baptist Church	17th & Sansom Streets
New Central Baptist Church	2139 Lombard Street
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church	2213 Lombard Street
Fifth Christian Science Church	1915 Pine Street
Central Phila. Monthly Meeting of Friends -	1515 Cherry Street
Holy Communion Lutheran Church	Chestnut above 21st
Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church -	1500 Lombard St.
Arch Street Presbyterian Church	1724 Arch Street
Chambers Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church	- Broad below Spruce St.
First Presbyterian Church in Phila.	21st & Walnut Streets
Tenth Presbyterian Church	17th & Spruce Streets
Swedenborgian - New Jerusalem Church	2129 Chestnut Street
First Unitarian Church Phila.	2125 Chestnut Street
Bible Way Church of Christ(Apostolic)	1518 Lombard Street
Mt. Horeb Holy Church (Pentecostal)	1445 South Street
Philadelphia Ethical Society	1906 S. Rittenhouse Square
Phila. Gospel Temple (Interdenominational)	142 N. 17th Street
Unity Church of Christ	245 S. 16th Street

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The Oxford movement in England was responsible for the founding of St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia. This movement was begun in the 1830's by John Keble, a Priest of the Church of England and a Professor at Oxford University. Parliament was attempting to increase its sovereignty over the Church. In order to awaken Churchmen to the threat, he and his associates published "Tracts for the Times", in which was reasserted the doctrine of Apostolic Succession, the ministerial power of absolution, baptismal regeneration, and the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

These publications stimulated the zeal of Henry Reed, a Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, who in turn inspired a number of his friends, and the Church was completed in 1849.

These men in founding this new church wanted one which both by its services, architecture, and ornaments would adequately represent the teachings of the Church as interpreted by the Tractarians and set forth in the Book of Common Prayer. From this intent, St. Mark's has never swerved. What gives the building of St. Mark's a special interest, together with St. James the Less, is that it was ^{one} of the first churches in Philadelphia and the United States erected with the deliberate purpose of bringing Tractarian principles to fruition.

The first services held in St. Mark's took place on October 21, 1849. Advent Sunday, 1869 saw the beginning of an early and late celebration of Holy Eucharist every Sunday, and on all Prayer Book Holy Days. This has continued without interruption.

The famous, "Battle of the Bells" took place in the 1870's. Neighbors had complained that the bells interrupted their sleep and

that the peace and happiness of their homes was imperiled. An injunction ensued, but it finally resulted in a compromise to permit the bells to ring at certain times on Sundays and on a number of Holy Days and on special occasions.

In 1884 the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist was begun. This has continued without interruption. In the same year another objective was attained -- that of keeping the Church open every day throughout the year, generally from 6.30 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. This, too, has continued.

The chief treasure of St. Mark's is the Silver Altar in the Lady Chapel. This was made in England, and is considered the greatest work of English Ecclesiastical Art in Twentieth Century America. It was presented by Rodman Wanamaker in memory of his wife, Fernanda Wanamaker, who had been for many years an active and devoted member of the Parish.

During the past decades many parishioners of the Church, and their children, have moved into the suburbs. While some have retained their ties to St. Mark's, most have established new church connections. This exodus threatened the very existence of the Church. However, Rev. Emmett P. Paige has, since he became Rector in 1951, warmly welcomed people from the neighborhood, irrespective of color or race. The response has been encouraging and with the dedication and zeal of the clergy, and the growth in integration of the Parish family in response thereto, the Church is very much alive in its service to God.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Fronts on Locust Street between 16th & 17th Streets,

and goes back to St. James St. Approximately 260 Feet
along north side of Locust Street.

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick Stone Other _____
(type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Brown sandstone building seating approximately 500 people.

The Church and tower needs pointing. This work is under contract to be completed this Spring at a cost of \$45,000.00.

This completes a ten year Restoration Program.

Replacement Value \$1,500,000. Amount of insurance carried \$1,526,022

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached Separated _____;
In basement of the church _____; Frame _____ Brick _____
Stone Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Basement: (a) Three Offices; (b) Nursery; (C) Trash Room;
(d) Sexton's Room (d) Two toilets.

First Floor (a) Meeting Room; (b) Kitchen; (c) Entrance Hall;
(d) two toilets.

Second Floor (a) Lounge Room; (b) Choir Room,
(c) two toilets; (d) Office.

Building is in excellent condition, rebuilt in 1956.

Replacement value \$350,000. Amount of insurance carried \$258,000.

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

First Floor (a) four rooms; (b) two bathrooms.

Second Floor - three rooms & two baths; Third Floor - four rooms and two baths; Fourth Floor - two rooms; two baths and Chapel

In excellent condition - renovated in 1962.

Is it used as a clergy residence? _____ If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: \$150,000. Insurance carried: \$ 140,800.

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 103

Number of individuals not in families 201

2. Baptized membership Communicants Church School

<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
—	508	510	** 664	336	350	35	94	95

(** Prior to present method
of calculation.)

3. Number of baptized members
who were removed from the
parish list

5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
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Number of baptized members
who were added to the
parish list

No records, as we are not
required to keep detailed statistics
of Baptized persons in
congregation.

4. Communicants added:

By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
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By confirmation from other Churches	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>
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By reception from other Churches	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
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By baptism and confirma- tion from no church	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4</u>
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Total	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>30</u>
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5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	<u>231</u>
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Number of communicants who attended occasionally	<u>61</u>
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Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	<u>0</u>
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Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	<u>51</u>
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6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? No Meeting

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8.00 A.M.	30	50	115
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Holy Communion & Hymns	9.00 A.M.	53	110	143
Solemn Eucharist	11.00 A.M.	165	200	424
Evensong	5.30 P.M.	33	45	55

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Daily Morning Prayer	7.30 A.M.	2	6	10
Daily Holy Communion	7.45 A.M.	7	11	32
Wed. Thurs.				
Holy Communion- & Friday	12.10 P.M.	12	14	25
Daily Evening Prayer	5.30 P.M.	2	5	27

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Wednesdays in Lent	7.30 P.M.	50	70	80
Maundy Thursday	7.00 A.M.	-	170	-
Good Friday	12 - 3	-	800	-
Easter Even Vigil	10.30 P.M.	-	200	-
All Saints, Epiphany, Ash Wed., Ascension	7.00 A.M.	65	110	155

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

None

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Sunday at 9 A.M. - Added Hymns and Address to Holy Communion.

Has become quite a family service, with very few visitors.

Good Friday - 12 to 3 - Three services: Morning Prayer,

Mass of the Pre-Sanctified, Evening Prayer and three Addresses. Has given new meaning to the day by using the Liturgy. Truly devotional, with little of the noise and confusion of the old "Seven Words" Service.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes (at daily weekday services)
(after 8, 9 & 11)
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? each Sunday
3. Is baby care provided during any service? at 11 A.M. Registered Nurse.

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff	<u>11</u>
b. Students	<u>61</u>
Total	<u>72</u>

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 54

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 72

e. Are absentee cards used? yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details.

The teacher calls in case of continuing absence.

2. Worship schedule

CLASS OR DEPARTMENT DAY HOUR DURATION LEADER
All classes attend Mass at 9 o'clock, except the Primary Class which
attends the eleven o'clock and the Kindergarten, which has a short
service of their own. The Choir Classes sing at the eleven o'clock.

3. Instruction schedule

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Film strips, flannel boards, black boards, etc.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

A nursery at the 11 o'clock service with a trained
and registered nurse.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By the Curate

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the
number of sessions, the leaders, etc.

By the Curate informal and in bi-yearly meetings.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

By whatever means necessary.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	0	Grade school	—	one	4
20 to 29	2	Junior high	—	two	3
30 to 39	5	Senior high 1 to 3 years	1	three	1
40 to 49	2	College	—	four	1
50 years or more	2	College grad.	10	five	—
		Graduate study	4	6 to 10	1
Male	5			11 to 20	—
Female	6	K-12		20 and over	1

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

The Sunday School suffers from a lack of structure caused by the fact that, because of the small number of children, classes must include children of more than one age group. Also there is the standard problem of obtaining a sufficient number of teachers.

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? _____

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught?

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? _____

2. What type of courses are taught?

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 9-10 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 16 c. How long is each session? the
1 hr. d. Who is the instructor? Clergy. e. What material is used? The Catechism and several other manuals of instruction.
f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? We assume that the teachers have provided the general background necessary.

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 15 b. How long is each session? 1½ hrs. c. Who is the instructor? the clergy d. What material is used? lectures prepared by the clergy and discussion.

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Adult instruction	23-25	once a mth. Wed. P.M.	45 min. 1/2 hr.	Fr. Hopkin the Clergy
Lenten instruction	45-50	in Lent		

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Nothing formally organized, although many attend private retreats, etc.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

By increasing the intensity of the participation of each

member of the congregation in the activities of the Church,

whereby each learns his nature and vocation in the Parish by

doing, not by talking. By increasing to fill each of the

normal functions of the parish with teaching and example, in

the same way that each vestry meeting has at least one item

of inspirational or instructional value.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. _____
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. _____ 2
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. _____ 55

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. _____
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. _____ 1
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. _____ 19

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. _____ 4
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. _____ 72

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	7	6	5
2. Number of organizations	0	0	0
3. Total active membership	10	0	0

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	14	4	12
2. Number of organizations	0	0	0
3. Total active membership	0	0	0

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	—	—	1
2. Total active membership	—	—	10

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Women of St. Mark's

Total active members 52 Average attendance at meetings 37

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Thursday at 5.30 First

B. Why does this organization exist?

- (1) To carry on the work of the Episcopal Church Women in St. Mark's and (2) to aid in our own parish functions whenever we can.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? All women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

The worship is that of Evensong at which we are supposed to attend before the meeting. Our own prayer is also said at the opening of the meeting. The educational program usually follows that of the Episcopal Church Women. This year we are studying The Ministry of the Laity in the Urban Church and

E. Describe the other activities of the organization. (2) The Gospel of St. Luke.

Some sewing, knitting, etc. is done for the various missions of the Church. A Fair is held annually to help us meet our diocesan quotas.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Major opportunities are (1) to arouse the interest of the women in the mission of the Church (2) to foster Christian fellowship among us.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? More personal contacts by active members with the indifferent women of the congregation to get them into the group.

Signed by: Margaret Evans

Title: President.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St. Vincent's Guild for Acolytes

Total active members 19 Average attendance at meetings 19 Sunday
Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 9.15 A.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

An order of laymen, living under a common rule, who direct the ceremonies of worship and serve Sundays and weekdays by schedule.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Any men and older boys (16 plus) who believe they have a vocation to serve.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Participation every Sunday - always minimum of 11 used.

Corporate Communion - 4th Sunday at 8 A.M.

Training in the Rule of Life and technique of ceremonies.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

NONE

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Spiritual development of men of the parish, with vital lay participation.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

This has been a most effective and responsible group for over twelve years.

Signed by: Emmett P. Paige. Title: Warden

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name St. Mark's Altar Society

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month - Day and time of meetings -

B. Why does this organization exist?

To care for Altars, Vestments and Services, cleanse
Sacred Vestments after Services, etc.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

No special group.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Each member is trained individually to do the
Altar work

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Sewing group to mend and make new Vestments.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Sister Darthea Margaret Title: Parish Sister
S.S.M.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Canterbury Choir

Total active members 40 Average attendance at meetings 34 Tuesdays
Number of meetings each month 5 Day and time of meetings 7.30 P.M.
& special services

B. Why does this organization exist?

Primarily to enable the parish to have fully choral services
at such times that the (professional) Boy Choir is not available.
It also presents three special programs each season
exemplifying the best in liturgical music.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Adults
(both men and women)

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

All rehearsals and pre-service line-up are begun with a
prayer, the co-ordination of the music with various services
is explained as well as the tie-in with the entire parish program

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Serves as leader for the nine o'clock Sunday Eucharist,
with individual members scattered throughout the congregation,
rather than being vested in chancel.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The Choir provides an opportunity for the adults of the congregation to contribute voluntarily to our worship, and by example to set standards of good music for many other churches in the area.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Wesley A. Day Title: Choirmaster

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Name The Fellowship of Prayer
- Total active members 32 Average attendance at meetings --
- Number of meetings each month --- Day and time of meetings --
- B. Why does this organization exist?
- To offer a continuing act of praise and intercession
for all men to God.
- C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
- The congregation as a whole.
- D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
- Each person uses a prepared list of those in need
during their daily prayers. There is also a yearly
meeting for fellowship, discussion and inspiration.
- E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
- NONE
- F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
- The opportunities are to be one with Christ in his
continuous intercession for all men. Problems are
those of fidelity and perseverance.
- G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Perfect the system for
contacting members immediately when prayers are needed in
a hurry.

Signed by: The Rev. Wm. H. C. Congdon. Title: Curate

VIII REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name The Young People of St. Mark's

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 9

Total number of meetings a month 1 Day and Time Irregular

B. Why does this organization exist?

To intergrate the young people into the normal, full adult life of the Church

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Those between 15 and 17 years old.

D. Describe the worship and educational program.

The YSM attend Mass each week and study together once a week as a Sunday School Class. Also each has spent some time with the clergy discussing personal problems.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

They come together for social activities at least once a week, help once a month with the Parish breakfast and are starting work at an orphanage here in town.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization? Opportunities: To help each understand himself and his world realistically as a Christian. Problems: a regular meeting time, and the constant tendency of the young people to think that they are special cases in the Church as they are in the society.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Develop in

the children a sense of the importance of personal religion -- of prayer and interior discipline.

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

RECTORS

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 4
Please give details.

One ordained Priest

Two preparing for Seminary

One a Secretary at Church House

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? _____

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$50,497.38 (2) Plate offerings \$3,086.69 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$1,010.73 (4) Endowments \$58,257.68 (5) Special fund drives \$_____ (6) Other (please specify) \$ Miscel. - \$569.01
 Special Services - \$3,311.16

B. Disbursements

	<u>1940</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Last Full Year</u>
Total current expenses	\$ <u>20,277.38</u>	\$ <u>20,524.05</u>	\$ <u>30,416.25</u>	\$ <u>41,024.19</u>	\$ <u>44,411.82</u>	\$ <u>50,769.49</u>
Diocesan Assessment	<u>6,610.64</u>	<u>1,423.84</u>	<u>2,031.30</u>	<u>1,720.88</u>	<u>1,624.92</u>	<u>1,581.56</u>
Missionary Disbursements	<u>15,311.63</u>	<u>9,919.58</u>	<u>9,292.78</u>	<u>6,792.40</u>	<u>12,708.34</u>	<u>14,255.05</u>
Special parish expense	<u>14,494.18</u>	<u>13,706.30</u>	<u>11,354.62</u>	<u>21,304.23</u>	<u>11,885.51</u>	<u>13,432.90</u>
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation	<u>8,491.66</u>	<u>10,998.34</u>	<u>14,340.17</u>	<u>13,769.23</u>	<u>15,390.00</u>	<u>18,433.30</u>
a)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
from other sources	a)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rental value of the rectory	\$_____					
Is the church in debt? <u>NO</u>	Amount of debt \$_____	Method of repayment _____				

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Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? NO

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

Three years campaign with annual follow-up.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? NO

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? YES

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation _____ Diocese _____

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ 700.00 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? _____

5. How much does the local congregation pay? _____

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business _____

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

<u>TYPE OF CALL</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK</u>		
	<u>LOW</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>HIGH</u>
1. Family or routine parish	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:			

Mornings - Communion: Each Priest - one afternoon & Saturday.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? According to needs.

Members not met in normal parish life at least once a

year. Shut-ins at least once a month.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

All newcomers visited if they manifest interest. In our area, feasible only to call on unchurched referred to us, or who make themselves known. Apartment door to door calling

impossible.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) Rector - 5

Asst. - 5

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization.

NONE

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

During Stewardship Canvass every three years - about

35 callers. Stewardship visits as new people come.

Five people visit shut-ins regularly.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time.

No fixed program. We draw many new people, being in center city. They are invited and welcomed at all activities.

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

By participation in worship and invitations to men's and women's functions, and joining in altar work or serving.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Weekly advertising in papers and news items of special interest.

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television?

Rarely - on special occasions.

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Many mailings of seasonal letters, programs.

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc.

Sunday leaflet to all shut-ins, those away and in armed forces. Newsletters to all before Christmas and Holy Week and occasionally about parish projects.

- E. How many church road signs are there? None

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes. In a sense peculiar to Center City.

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs.

Social Service with agency referrals and through

Episcopal Community Services. Invocations at numerous conferences and meetings.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Center City Association.

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

We are in the wrong location for such programs.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Our own program generally completely occupies our

facilities except such occasions as: Red Cross Dinner and

Meetings; American Guild of Organists Dinner and Meeting;

Emergency Aid Annual Service; occasionally Organ Recitals.

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

World Day of Prayer.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Rector: Board of Episcopal Community Services, Executive Committee of Valley Forge Young People's Conference.

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? 1 - Executive Council of Diocese;
1 - Committee on College Work; 1 - General Convention;
- Commission on Armed Forces.

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? Department of Christian Education;
Department of Social Relations; Episcopal Community Services.

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs:
1 - Executive Council
1 - College work Commission

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs:
1 - President of S. Phila. Convocation - Women's Aid.
5 - Representatives to E.C.W. Committee.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs:

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget goes for missionary work? 18%

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

		Full
The Rev. Emmett P. Paige, Rector	\$7,200.00 yrly.	plus Maint. Time
The Rev. William H.C. Congdon, Curate	\$2,900.00	" " "
The Rev. C. Edward Hopkin, Associate	\$1,800.00 (9 Mos.)	Part Time
Mr. Wesley A. Day, Organist	\$5,200.00 yearly	Full Time
Sister Darthea Margaret, S.S.M.	\$2,000.00 (10 Mths.)	Full Time
Mr. Walton Zelley, Jr. Seminarian	765.00 (9 Mths.)	Part Time
Mrs. Pauline E. Christie, Secretary	65.00 weekly	Part Time (30 hrs.)
Mrs. Hazel Ambler, Asst. Secretary	40.00	" " " (20 hrs.)
Mr. Muriel R. Reed, Sexton	\$4,440.00 yearly	Full Time
Mrs. Gloria Migioia, Nurse	8.00 ea.	Sunday (2 hrs.)
Mr. Bruce Brehm, Sunday School	6.00 ea.	Sunday (1 hr.)
Mr. Daniel Lara, to assist Sexton-Sat.	12.00 -	full day
Mrs. Martha Black - Coffee Hour	8.00 ea.	Sunday (4 hrs.)
Adult Choristers (8)	\$3,230.00	(9-1/2 Mths.)
Boys Choir (22)	\$3,000.00	(10 Mths.)

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

NO REGULAR VOLUNTEERS WORK ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: We have sufficient Staff for some years to come.

2. Buildings: We have just completed a ten year Renovation Program. In another ten years there may be need for additional Parish House space.

3. Equipment: NONE

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

1 - Out-reach to people returning to live in Center City.

2 - To increase our sense of Parish family including these new people and reaching out to others in the area.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

1 - Periods of high turn over in members of the congregation.

2 - Building our program of Christian Education, with so little potential in this area.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

About \$100,000.00.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

Our current Stewardship Program is, and will continue to meet these needs and opportunities.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
Mr, Alan S. Evans	Advertising Exec.	six years
Mr. Benjamin C. Hand	C.P.A.	all his life
Mr. A. Lynnwood Haller	Retired	thirteen years
Mr. Joseph E. McQueen	Electrical Engineer	seven years.

Date completed: March 20, 1964.

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

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A total of 450 persons were recorded on the membership distribution map and they were found scattered in many sections of the city and beyond the city limits. The highest concentrations of membership were located in the immediate vicinity of the church, in Census Tracts 7-C and 8-D. These census tracts had almost 100 church members making up 22.0% of the total membership. Such a highly scattered membership points up the need for--as the leaders of St. Mark's have so wisely provided for--programs of communication within the parish and an intensive program of advertising and public relations.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
B 11	4	9
C 41	4	9
C 46	1	2
D 40 A	4	9
D 78 B	3	7
D 2	1	2
D 6	4	9
D 7	2	5
D 10	8	18
D 11	1	2
D 19	4	9
D 20	3	7
D 27	1	2
D 31 B	4	9
D 32	3	7
D 35	2	5
D 36	1	2
D 38	1	2
D 77	1	2
D 97	1	2
M 16 A	1	2
M 25	2	5
M 46	4	9
M 49	2	5
M 50	1	2
M 3D	1	2
M 58 A	1	2
M 105	4	9
1B	2	5
1C	13	29
2A	7	16
2B	15	34
5A	6	13
7A	14	30
7C	50	112
8B	13	29
8C	14	30
X 8D	49	109
9B	4	9
10B	3	7
15B	8	18
15C	2	5
15D	6	13
21H	4	9
21L	3	7
21S	1	2
22I	1	2
22N	4	9
22P	1	2
24F	2	5
24I	2	5
26B	1	2
26C	8	18
26E	6	13
27A	2	5

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
27 B	6	13
27 C	7	16
27 D	2	5
29 D	1	2
30 A	1	2
32 A	1	2
35 B	2	5
36 D	1	2
36 F	1	2
37 A	2	5
39 B	1	2
39 C	3	7
39 D	3	7
40 A	4	9
40 S	4	9
41 D	1	2
43 A	7	16
44 E	2	5
46 A	2	5
46 I	1	2
48 A	4	9
48 B	6	13
48 C	7	16
48 E	2	5
49 A	2	5
49 E	1	2
49 G	1	2
50 E	3	7
50 P	1	2
51 A	1	2
51 B	1	2
51 E	9	20
52 A	1	2
57 H	2	5
58 B	4	9
58 B	4	9
59 D	1	2
59 F	1	2
59 O	3	7
OUT STATE	14	30
UNLOCATED	17	38
	447	1000

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

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During the three-year period 1961 through 1963 the baptized membership of St. Mark's increased by 16.4%, communicant strength by 5.4%, and church school enrollment by 1.1%. The ratio of baptisms to the communicant strength during this three-year period was 4.2% and the ratio of confirmations to the communicant strength was 4.7%.

During the three-year period 1961 through 1963 a total of \$309,668.00 was expended and of this amount some \$46,980.00, or 15.2%, was expended for work outside the parish. It is difficult to make comparisons between the income of this church and that of other churches because of the relatively high return of endowed support.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PH
ARISH ST. MARK
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DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	* 700	* 593	664	*	345	508	438	500
Communicants	700	593	664	345	336	336	344	354
Church School	NR	26	-	75	94	96	110	95
Baptisms	2	12	13	7	12	10	20	13
Percentage of Communicants	0.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.6	30	5.8	3.7
Confirmations	14	10	16	15	15	19	30	-
Percentage of Communicants	2.0	1.7	2.4	4.3	4.5	5.7	8.7	
Parochial Expenditures 1	30,380	32,946	46,788	54,690	60,681	63,231	69,203	65,579
Special Par. Expenditures 2	15,065	16,900	22,556	39,436	41,529	31,914	13,433	19,328
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	16,896	11,523	11,721	7,549	14,286	16,826	14,255	15,899
Total Reported Expenditures	62,341	61,369	81,065	101,675	116,496	111,971	96,891	100,806
Expenditures per Communicant	89.06	103.49	122.09	294.71	346.71	333.25	281.66	284.76
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	24.14	19.43	17.65	21.88	42.52	50.08	41.44	44.91

* GDRFS ESTIMATE (NR)

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DATA ON THE CONGREGATIONPH -66
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A total of 444 persons was recorded on the Episcopal Census, and of this number some 50.7% were males and 49.3% females. Some 11.6% of the members were 14 years of age and under and 17.0% were 20 years of age or under. It is further noted that 15.3% of the members were 65 years of age and over. The age structure of the congregation reflects a similar pattern of neighborhood age structuring in the inner-city and churches throughout the United States.

Occupational classifications: About 50.2% of the church members were in non-income producing occupations: pre-students, students, housewives, retired persons and unemployed. The largest single group in this grouping was housewives with 17.0%, followed by students at 14.2%. Among the gainfully employed, and indeed among all of the church members reporting on occupations, the largest single group was made up of professional people, at 24.0%, followed by managers and sales workers.

Length of church membership in this congregation: Out of 344 respondents about 35.7% had belonged to St. Mark's Church for less than five years, and more than 50% had been associated with St. Mark's Church for less than 10 years. This indicates the relatively high turnover of church membership.

Other denominations: A total of 25 persons indicated that they belonged to another church prior to Episcopal membership and of this number the largest single group, seven persons, had come in from the Methodist Church, followed by a group of six Roman Catholics.

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Educational background of adults: A total of 332 adults reported their educational background and of this number some 41.3% were college graduates and 19.0% had attended college from one to three years.

Distance from the church: Some 267 persons responded to this question and of this number 39.0% lived less than one mile from the church and some 36.1% lived four or more miles distant.

Time taken to go to church: Some 250 respondents answered this question and of this number the largest single group needed 30 or more minutes, 37.6% and 35.6% needed from 10 to 19 minutes.

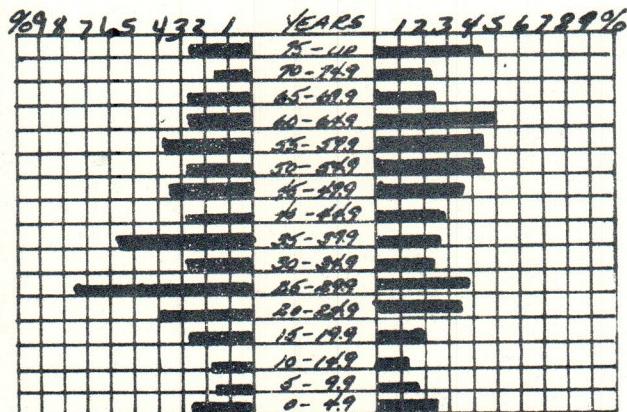
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PHILADELPHIA
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AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

TOTAL NUMBER REPORTING 487



HALE

FEMALE

NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE GROUP IN YEARS	PERCENT	NUMBER
11	2.5	15-19	4.3	19
5	1.1	20-24	2.2	10
12	2.7	25-29	2.5	11
12	2.7	30-34	3.0	22
19	3.8	35-39	4.5	20
12	2.7	40-44	4.3	19
15	3.4	45-49	3.4	15
12	2.7	50-54	2.9	13
25	5.6	55-59	2.7	12
13	2.9	60-64	2.3	10
33	7.4	65-69	3.8	17
19	4.0	70-74	3.6	16
15	3.4	75-79	2.0	16
7	1.6	80-84	1.1	5
7	1.6	85-89	1.4	6
11	2.5	90-94	3.4	15
225	50.7	TOTALS	49.3	219

Age Groups

TOTAL NO. REP. 444

~~CAPTURED~~

TOTAL NO. REP. 464

CONFIRMED

TOTAL NO. REP. 464

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CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. ST MARK'S, PHILADELPHIA

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION

TOTAL NO. REP. 344

NON-EPISCOPALIAN: BELONG TO WHAT CHURCH

TOTAL NO. REP. 30

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO:

TOTAL No. REP. 25

CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. P-66 ST MARK'S, PHILADELPHIA

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OCCUPATION

TOTAL No. REP. 440

EDUCATION

TOTAL NO. REG. 332

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME

TOTAL NO. REP. 54

BORN THIS STATE

Total No. Rep. 404

BORN IN U.S.A.

TOTAL NO. REG. 404

DISTANCE FROM CHURCH

TOTAL NO. REP. 267

NO.	%	MILES	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
104	39.0	10 OR LESS										
27	10.2	1-1.9										
23	8.7	2-2.9										
16	6.0	3-3.9										
96	36.1	4 OR MORE										

TIME FROM CHURCH

TOTAL NO. REP. 250

NO.	%	MINUTES	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
28	11.2	10 OR LESS										
69	35.6	10 - 19										
39	15.6	20-29										
94	37.6	30 OR MORE										

HOME OWNERS

TOTAL NO. REP. 230

NO.	%		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
89	38.7	YES										
141	61.3	NO										

RESIDENCE BUILT

TOTAL NO. REP. 113

NO.	%	YEAR	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
13	11.5	1960-PRESENT										
12	10.6	1950-1959										
6	5.3	1940-1949										
5	4.4	1930-1939										
25	22.2	1920-1929										
52	46.0	1900-1919										
		1899 & BEFORE										

TYPE OF DWELLING

TOTAL NO. REP. 258

NO.	%	CLASS	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
111	43.0	SINGLE										
18	7.0	DUPLEX										
108	41.9	APT. HOUSE										
2	0.8	HOTEL										
8	3.0	ROOM. HOUSE										
10	3.9	INSTITUTION										
1	0.4	TRAILER										

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

St. Mark's Church was founded as a direct result of the Oxford Movement in the Church of England more than 100 years ago. During the past decade, the church buildings have been systematically and attractively renovated. There is much in the program of St. Mark's to commend:

1. A high degree of enthusiasm, loyalty and commitment on the part of laity and clergy.
2. Participation by church members at church services and church school classes is among the highest in the diocese.
3. Strong emphasis is placed on instruction and inspiration for all parish organizations.
4. St. Mark's has an efficient, well-organized staff, dedicated to the church and its program.
5. Although St. Mark's receives more than 50% of its income from endowments, the total amounts pledged by church members indicate, in part, their commitment to the church at home and overseas.
6. The largest single group within the membership lives within one mile of St. Mark's Church and almost 50% of the total membership lives within two miles. Although many former members now live in the suburbs and have identified with neighborhood churches, St. Mark's has been alert to seek new members from the downtown community.

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St. Mark's is essentially a well-contained family unit with most of the program and ministry built around the parish church and her people. It is a good program, but it is, in the main, a self-serving one, built around institutional services and membership. St. Mark's follows the tradition of the Oxford Movement which emphasizes Catholic practice. The word Catholic carries the meaning of universality in geographical extent, of inclusiveness of all sorts and conditions and all ranks and races of men, and of continuity with the faithful who have gone on before. Catholicity implies all that makes for the wholeness of the church. This is essentially the stated purpose and emphasis of St. Mark's Church. All people are welcome, church membership is open to all who profess belief and conformity, but in our rapidly changing culture is this enough? Despite the inclusive vision, the people of God who profess their participation in the Holy Catholic Church and in the Communion of Saints repeatedly find themselves estranged from one another by every sort of historical circumstance and cultural barrier. Since St. Mark's occupies such a central position in a community area made up of several Episcopal, denominational, and Roman churches, she should be in the forefront of cooperative planning and dialogue with other church groups.

There seems to be a limited engagement, on paper, on the part of the laity of St. Mark's, when it comes to sharing in the ministry to church members and those outside of the church. It should be noted that when speaking of penetrating and influencing society and its institutions, the most proper and normal means is through the day-to-day responsible participation of the laity in

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their secular callings, in areas where they belong by natural right. Parish and Community Life Conferences, especially designed for St. Mark's, would be of great help in developing an understanding of the responsibility church members have for those outside their fellowship.

The Order of St. Vincent serves St. Mark's so well that the group that composed the Self-Study Form made the statement that the Order has reached a high point in its enthusiasm and interest. There are probably, within the adult members of this Order, men that could be called on to assist the clergy as parish visitors. The Order of St. Vincent might also have within its membership articulate members who could be licensed by the Bishop to assist in the services as lay readers.

St. Mark's has well-developed programs of communication and public relations. Extensive use is made of the mail service for shut-ins and persons serving in the Armed Forces, as well as for seasonal letters and programs to the membership. However, in our rapidly moving times it is necessary for frequent telephone communication to take place concerning parish matters. Active retired persons might be asked to assume responsibility for parish telephone communications.

In evaluating problems and opportunities facing this congregation the Local Study Committee suggests the need for outreach and the building-up of a program of Christian

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education. St. Mark's reports approximately 36% of its members live four or more miles from the church. The philosophy of the church needs to be expressed in other ways, in addition to the church assembled on Sunday. The congregation needs to be broken down into smaller groups for contemplation and for community participation wherever the members live. Even as a visible body, the church needs to come out of the church and be the church in more informal and indigenous ways. House meetings and house churches can assist St. Mark's by involving fringe members and outsiders in the geographical areas served.